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IS IT JUST OR UNJUST.

Under the caption of "the saloon keeper," the TIMES print's to-day an article from "Temperance," taking a very determined stand against the proposition to organize a "Liquor Dealers Mutual Aid Association" for Missouri, with headquarters in this city.

We do not write with any disposition to take issue with Temperance, exactly, or *vis a versa*, nor do we directly or indirectly intend this as a reply, but portions of the article alluded to, evidently bears the impress of thought not well matured, or else it is the production of an over zealous mind in the service of a great cause.

The vocation of saloon keeping is no doubt an obnoxious one, but in many cases, no more so to the average temperance worker than he who follows the calling. The laws of Missouri make it a legitimate business, and it is man's innate love for money, that allures him into the traffic, and not his love for the thing itself. Many men have embarked in the business and becoming disgusted, got out of it as quickly as possible. We do not have to go out of Butler to find examples of this kind, either. Furthermore, there are men now selling whisky here and elsewhere who are genuine specimens of honorable manhood. Of course such are termed, exceptions to the rule.

Say what you please about the saloon-keeper, and his pernicious pursuit, he is still in the majority of instances, a kind indulgent husband and father, who, when finding himself and family cut off from the benefits of life insurance and practically ostracized from society, he only exhibits good sense and thoughtfulness when he takes the step to secure that protection for his wife and children, which, by virtue of his own business conduct they have been debarred.

Again, the object of true temperance should be content with something short of the persecution of the saloon-keepers family. Surely the wife and children are not responsible for the deeds of the husband and father, however offensive those deeds may be to society, and injurious to the families of the men who frequent his saloon. Temperance has done enough with the families of saloon-keepers in excluding them in a measure, from social circles, and dispossessing them of other benefits shared in common by the rest of mankind, without pursuing them into their allotted sphere, and intercepting movements intended solely for the protection of women and children, after the saloon-keeper has died without riches, and unimpaired perhaps, save by those of a limited circle.

To express a desire to witness a fellow-being stand upon the gallows, the equal in crime of the murderer, because he once sold whisky, is surely to promulgate an advanced idea in the cause of temperance, as it is inspired by Christianity. A temperance reform can not be effected by such characterization of the opposition. It will produce more harm than good, everytime.

In no wise do we intend these thoughts to be interpreted as an unqualified defense of the dram-shop keeper. Our mind has simply been drawn to this subject by the article in question, and regarding it somewhat unjust, and very radical to say the least, we have felt it our duty, according to our manner of thinking, to express ourselves, not, however, without due respect and a very high regard for the author and the cause represented.

WEST BUTLER.

West Butler has been incorporated by the county court as a village, embracing the Cowles, Yoakum and Syndicate additions, and other additional territory. A Board of Trustees were appointed who will meet and adopt laws and regulations for the government of the new town.

The matter strikes the average citizen of Butler with surprise because, mainly, of the suddenness of the movement. But however distasteful it may be, no objection should be raised to the new incorporation by any. Butlerite, when the subject is considered in the light of truth and reason.

Twice since the West Side additions were thrown on the market has Butler been asked to include them in its incorporation, and as often was the application refused. This last step, therefore, was simply the last resort to secure protection to the rights and property of the inhabitants of that district.

The people of West Butler have rights that should be respected as well as those of this city. They are just as sensitive against vice and rowdiness, and their bold move is an act to applaud and not to censure. Up to this time Butler has had the opportunity of giving these people the protection they sought, now it is too late. From \$1,000 to \$1,500 could have been dropped into our coffers annually in the way of tax, had the voting population of Butler a broader comprehension of the proposition a year ago.

But the thing is done now, and, however serious we may regard the building up of a town on our west, surely we have no right to complain of any injustice toward us. The injustice has been the other way, as well as a deal sight of carelessness and want of enterprise.

YES CONVEYE IT.

There can be no other course for Gov. Crittenden to pursue, but to call the Legislature together to redistrict the State, if by so doing an increased Democratic delegation can be sent to Congress next fall. Upon the success of Democratic principles depends the welfare of the people and the interest of the country. In our judgement the majority of the tax-payers of Missouri—which frankly stated is the Democracy—demand a redistribution, and that it be done before the next election. In obedience to this demand Gov. Crittenden's duty is plain, and that is to convene the Legislature. It will be expected the Republican press will howl, but it's all right, it has often done that before.

There are two or more candidates in Jasper county for the Democratic nomination for Congress from the Sixth District. In order that one may be selected and centered on as the choice of the Jasper county delegation, the central committee has called a primary election to be held in April, to determine that choice. The man getting the largest vote to be the only candidate in the Congressional Convention from Jasper county. Such a contingency will hardly arise in Bates county, as there is little probability of us having as many as two aspirants for Congressional honors.

The City Council of Springfield has got itself into a bad box. Some time ago it granted a Street Railway company the franchise to lay down track and operate a road on any of the streets of the city, not even as much as excepting the new public square which was laid off about the same time. The Street Railway Company have now gone to work and laid down a track diagonally across the space reserved for the public square and the authorities seem powerless to prevent it.

The professional card of Dr. J. M. Christy appears in the TIMES this week. The Dr. has just returned from New York City where he has spent the winter in the study of his profession. There are few physicians in the county who have enjoyed as large a practice as did Dr. Christy last year, and who were as uniformly successful. His winter's work under one of the most noted physicians in the world gives him additional merit in which our people can fully rely.

THE SALOON KEEPER.

The Temperance Side of the Proposition for a Liquor Dealers Association.

EDITOR TIMES:—It may truly be said that "wonders will never cease" Solomon with all his wisdom was at fault when he said "there is nothing new under the sun."

"A rum seller's mutual aid association; object: the establishment of a fund for relief of the widows and orphans of deceased whiskey sellers." Surely that is of all Quixotic schemes in this 19th century the richest and the most smile-provoking! A grog-seller's organization for the promotion of benevolence and charity! But then, mark ye. It is for the benefit of their own wives and children, and not the poor wretched victims of their accursed traffic. Pray, explain to us how it is, that the families of these panderers in the souls and bodies of God's creatures require such a movement? Surely they coin enough of gold by grasping the food from the mouths and clothing from the backs of their thousands of victims, and even the roof that shelters them, to render needless such a movement. The rum-seller's wives and children, can be clad in purple and fine linen and fare sumptuously every day and dwell 'neath palatial covering, not only while he cumbers the earth, but even after he himself has been summoned before the tribunal of his God and his punishment awarded him.

Right glad are we to see that saloon keepers and bar tenders recognize that their low, wicked calling, excludes them from membership in the "death's benefit" institutions of the country. God speed the day when they shall be excluded from all save their own rightful place with thieves and robbers in the felon's cell, or on the platform side by side with the shedder's of human blood!

"And several wealthy capitalists stand ready to back this movement."

Now suppose these heavy capitalists, who of course must be most excellent good men, with hearts bubbling o'er with kindness and benevolence, and evidently have been looking around for some appropriate charity in which to empty some of their superfluous dollars. Suppose I say, these big-souled philanthropists were to organize an association, the object of which should be, to furnish bread, clothing, shelter and education to the wretched wives and children of the rum-seller's victims! That certainly also would be something new under the sun. Such an organization would immortalize their names on the page of history. They could commence their work right here in Bates county and find an abundance of it to do. Only think, Mr. Editor, of Bates county having the honor of ushering in the long looked for millennium. Doubtless all required by these great hearted, charitably disposed philanthropists is simply to point their benevolent visual organs in this direction, to call a prompt response and glad fruition.

TEMPERANCE.

With much flourish and evidence of patriotism, the Pierce City Daily Record of the 9th, starts Mr. J. B. Perkins on the race track for the Democratic nomination for Congress from the Sixth District. If Mr. Perkins is the man for the place, then he is the man for us.

Blood hounds, it is said, will hereafter be used to capture escaped convicts from the Illinois Penitentiary. Does this sound anything like the old days of slavery? Republican Illinois is surely advancing in civilization.

Senator Vest has introduced a bill in Congress providing for the building of a bridge across the Missouri, at or near Jefferson City.

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Notice is hereby given that the undersigned Bridge Commissioner for and in behalf of Bates county, State of Missouri, will on

Saturday April 1st, 1882, at the east front door of the Court House in the town of Butler, proceed to let the following contract at public auction: One bridge, complete, across Panther Creek near Rockville, with stone abutments and iron superstructure. The masonry and super structure will be let separate. The contractor will be required to give bond with approved security. The undersigned reserves the right to reject any and all bids. MARSHAL L. WOLFE, 15-21 Bridge Com'r. of Bates Co.

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Sheriff's Sale.

By virtue and authority of a special Execution, issued from the office of the Circuit clerk, of Bates County, Missouri, returnable at the March term, 1882 of said court, and to me directed, in favor of the state of Missouri, at the relation, and to the use of R. S. Catron collector of the revenue of Bates County Missouri, and against Robert Campbell, and all those parties claiming under Richard Robinson, and wife, and J. T. Thornton. I have levied, and seized upon all the right, title, interest and claim of the said defendants, in and to the following described real estate, situated in Bates county, Missouri, to-wit:

The northwest quarter of southwest quarter of section 34, township 40, range 31 and I will, on

Saturday, March, 18th., 1882.

between the hours of nine o'clock in the forenoon and five o'clock in the afternoon of that day, at the East front door of the court house in the city of Butler, Bates county, Missouri, sell the same or so-much thereof as may be required at public vendue, to the highest bidder, for cash, to satisfy said executions and costs.

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